

# **WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AWARENESS TRAINING**

**APRIL 15, 2005 8 am – 12:30 pm  
ROUDEBUSH VAMC, 1481 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN.**

Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness training is a broad based recognition course intended for first responders, emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement. This course is also open to private sector response personnel with a desire for basic information about Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) recognition. The standardized training focuses on the minimum WMD awareness level and is not intended as a replacement for any existing WMD awareness course. This awareness training establishes a common baseline to ensure nationwide consistency in WMD education and training.

At the conclusion of the course, individuals will be able to:

- define terrorism and WMD, list the indicators of potential terrorist acts, and list potential terrorist targets,
- describe selected chemical agents and Toxic Industrial Chemical (TIC) terms, definitions, characteristics, and recognize the physiological signs and symptoms of exposure,
- describe biological agents, the signs and symptoms of exposure, and any physical characteristics of biological agents,
- describe the characteristics of radiation and radiological materials; identify the physiological signs and symptoms of exposure; identify radiation exposure devices and radiological dispersal devices, and distinguish between a nuclear weapon detonation and a conventional explosion, and
- identify the characteristics of explosives and the effects of a detonated explosive device.

This course is sponsored by the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Veterans Health Administration and Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group (EMSHG). There is no registration fee, but registration is limited.

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